

MAGGIE MORRIS.

JUNE 1, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. KERR, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 4668.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4668) granting a pension to Maggie Morris, have examined the same and the evidence relating thereto and respectfully report:

This bill proposes to pension, at \$12 per month, Maggie Morris, of Girard, Ohio, dependent daughter of Thomas Morris.

The soldier served in Company G, Sixth Ohio Cavalry, from January 4, 1864, to June 27, 1865, and was honorably discharged. He never filed a claim for pension. He was killed on the cars at Weathersfield, Ohio, in September, 1873, his wife, the mother of the claimant, having died March 19, 1872.

A claim for pension under the act of June 27, 1890, was filed December 18, 1890, on behalf of Thomas and Maggie Morris, children of the soldier, but same was rejected February 27, 1893, on the ground that both were over 16 years of age at the time of the passage of the act, and therefore have no title to pension.

Evidence filed with this committee shows that this claimant has been an invalid from her infancy; that she has never been able to do manual labor, and is now totally disabled and requires a part of the time the care and attention of another person.

Had she been under 16 years of age at the date of the passage of the act of June 27, 1890, she would have been entitled to pension under that act, but though she was over 16 years she was much more helpless and disabled than most children who are under 16, and has so continued to the present time. She has no income or means of support.

Both the Senate and House have repeatedly reported bills in such cases.

The bill is reported back with the recommendation that it pass when amended as follows:

Line 6, strike out "Miss." Also strike out "of Girard, Ohio," and insert in lieu thereof "dependent and helpless."

From line 7 strike out "a veteran volunteer soldier."

In line 8, after the word "Cavalry," insert "and pay her a pension."

Strike out all after "month," in line 9.

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting a pension to Maggie Morris"